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11. (C/NF) On June 28, NEA DAS Gordon Gray, accompanied by Ambassador, raised reftel demarche on supporting Guatemala's UNSC candidacy during a meeting with Tunisian Deputy Foreign Minister for the Americas and Asia Saida Chtioui. Chtioui said that it will not be difficult for Tunisia to follow the U.S. position, as Tunisia "has never had a close relationship with Venezuela." She explained that Tunisia's ambassador in Washington is accredited to Venezuela as well, and that the relationship is limited to protocol and diplomatic relations. Chtioui added, "We do not feel like we have to support Venezuela."

12. COMMENT: Post has demarched this issue several time in recent months. This is the first substantive response we have received. END COMMENT.  
HUDSON